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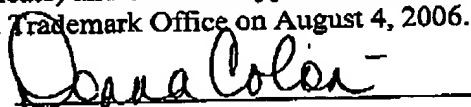
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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY BRIEF

Appellant submits the following reply to the Supplemental Examiner's Answer dated June 21, 2006 (the "June 2006 Supplemental Examiner's Answer"). The following remarks are submitted for consideration by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

I. Order from the Board dated May 22, 2006.

On May 22, 2006, the Board issued an Order that the application be returned to the Examiner for:

1. the petitions noted above to be properly decided and made of record to the application,
2. a copy of the decisions on the petitions to be sent to appellant,
3. a copy of the decisions on the petitions to be scanned into the electronic file,
4. the Examiner to resubmit the Supplemental Examiner's Answer with proper authorization if the examiner wishes to have it considered by the BPAI in its disposition of the appealed claims, and
5. for such further action as may be appropriate.

(Order, paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3). As of the date of submission of the present Supplemental Reply Brief, items 1-3 of the Order have not been completed. One of the Petitions, submitted by Appellant on September 1, 2005 (the "September 2005

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Petition"), requests the mailing of a Corrected Examiner's Answer designating several rejections as new grounds of rejection. Until at least the September 2005 Petition has been decided, Appellant respectfully submits that the June 2006 Supplemental Examiner's Answer is premature. Appellant respectfully requests the Board to order the withdrawal of the June 2006 Supplemental Examiner's Answer until items 1-3 of the Order have been complied with.

II. Remarks in response to the June 2006 Supplemental Examiner's Answer.

Appellant notes that the remarks of the June 2006 Supplemental Examiner's Answer and the remarks of the Supplemental Examiner's Answer mailed on December 1, 2005 are identical. Accordingly, Appellant incorporates herein the remarks from Appellant's Supplemental Reply Brief dated February 1, 2006 in their entirety as a complete response to the Examiner's remarks contained in the June 2006 Supplemental Examiner's Answer.

If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1066.

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